



Executive Directive 5 (2005)

GOVERNOR'S TASK FORCE ON CERVICAL CANCER

Importance of the Issue

Cervical cancer is a significant public health and women's health issue. In the United States there are an estimated 12,200 cases of cervical cancer and 4,100 related deaths annually. Cervical cancer, most prevalent in women between the ages of 35-55, is also among the most preventable forms of cancer, through early detection.

By virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor under Article V of the *Constitution of Virginia* and under the laws of the Commonwealth, including but not limited to Chapter 1 of Title 2.2, I hereby create the Governor's Task Force on Cervical Cancer.

The Task Force

The task force will initially consist of 15 members appointed by the Governor and serving at his pleasure. Additional members may be appointed by the Governor at his discretion. The task force will be chaired by the Secretary of Health and Human Resources. Staff support will be provided by the Office of the Secretary of Health and Human Resources, the Department of Health, and the Department of Medical Assistance Services.

Responsibilities of the Task force

The task force will be responsible for the following:

- 1) Fostering forward thinking collaboration toward early detection;
- 2) Bringing additional energy, visibility, accountability, and public awareness to the issue of cervical cancer;
- 3) Identifying approaches to allow the state to meet or exceed its Healthy People 2010 goals with respect to cervical cancer;
- 4) Developing strategies to reduce the incidence of cervical cancer in the Commonwealth; and

- 5) Making policy recommendations as are deemed appropriate to the Governor and General Assembly.

The task force shall also examine other related issues as appropriate.

Reporting Requirements

The task force shall issue a preliminary report to the Governor and General Assembly by November 1, 2005.

Effective Date of the Executive Directive

This Executive Directive shall be effective upon its signing and shall remain in full force and effect until January 14, 2006, unless sooner amended or rescinded by further executive directive.

Given under my hand this 14th day of January 2005.

Mark R. Warner, Governor